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I work for Microsoft as a tester. Three years ago I was failing in sales and my wife and I were struggling to make ends meet. I took a year's worth of classes and next thing I know I'm working as a contract employee for Microsoft. Hard work, dedication and creativity are rewarded here and in less 7 months I was hired as a salaried employee. I'm now working up to a managerial position, and have just bought a brand new four bedroom home for my family on just my salary. My story is common for a lot of my fellow employees. None of this would be possible if Microsoft wasn't growing and increasing it's market. This company is a prime motivator of the computer industry, it's not far off to say if Microsoft sneezes Silicon Valley catches a cold. Damage Microsoft and what will you do to the small companies struggling to become the next Microsoft?

As for Microsoft being a monopoly? What are you talking about? If Microsoft were the all powerful, industry dictating, monopoly you think it is we would have released Windows 95 and told the world to love it or leave it. There never would have been Win98se, WinMe, Win2000, WinXP and we wouldn't be working on the next version. Everyone here knows that we're in constant, high pressure competition with every brilliant Tom, Dick and Harriet out there with the next big idea.

One thing about the whole browser issue, do you really know what you're talking about? I test our browser and do so with Opera, Netscape, AOL and a load of other lesser known browsers running in tandem with Internet Explorer and MSN Explorer. I regularly delete IE and MSN Explorer from my machine and install one of many other browsers and use them instead. If the browser/OS were such an issue could I do that? Every user can easily download Opera and run it. Every user can sign up for their local Mom and Pop ISP or EarthLink and use them to access the Internet.

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